

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 24, line 1-page 25, line 20, with the following new Abstract:

A bias current generating circuit including a bandgap reference circuit which outputs a first voltage which is constant, and a second voltage which changes in accordance with a temperature. The generating circuit also includes a first low-potential-side constant-current source circuit which receives the second voltage, and outputs a first electric current dependent on a temperature, and a second low-potential side constant-current source circuit which receives the first voltage, and outputs a second electric current independent of a temperature. A third low-potential-side constant-current source circuit in the generating circuit receives the first voltage, and supplies a third temperature-independent current. A high-potential-side constant-current source circuit receives a third voltage and outputs a fourth electric current independent of a temperature. A current mirror circuit then generates a bias current in accordance with an electric current supplied from a reference current terminal to which the first, second and third supply terminals are connected.